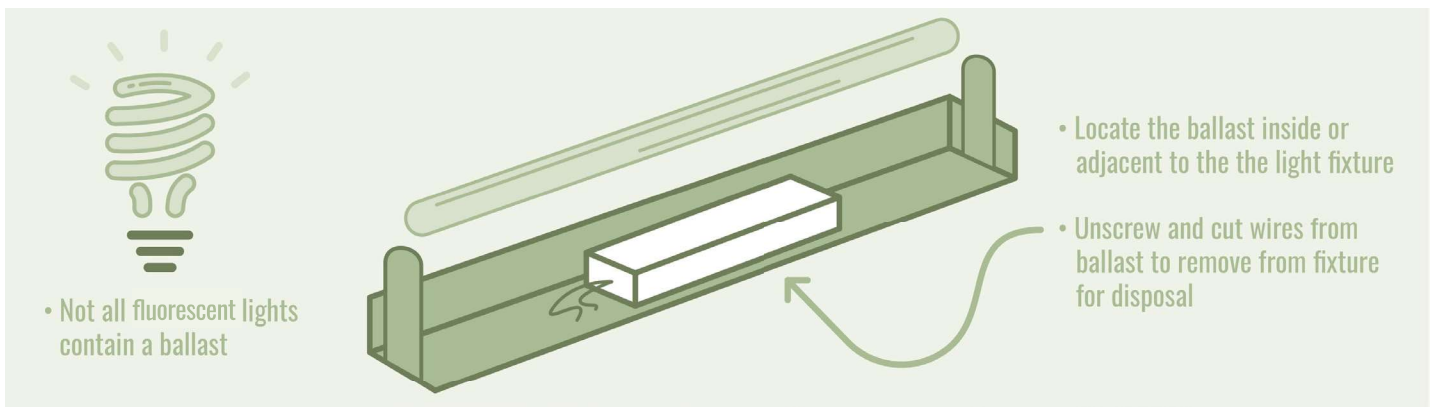




## Fluorescent Bulbs, Fixtures and Ballast Management for Residents

Fluorescent bulbs, including compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), contain mercury. The La Crosse County Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) program strongly discourages disposal of these materials in the regular trash and accepts intact bulbs.

In addition to fluorescent bulbs, the HHM program accepts light fixture ballasts. Some ballasts contain PCBs. For identification and segregation purposes, the HHM program requires all ballasts be removed from fluorescent light fixtures before they are brought to the HHM facility. HHM only will accept the ballasts and not the entire light fixture. Please see the descriptive figure below:



Once the bulb(s) and ballast have been removed, the remainder of the fixture can be recycled as scrap metal.